It is of this species that Kolbe says, as quoted by Lacépède and Daudin, that the eagles of the Cape of Good Hope make their prey, rising with them in their talons to a great height, and letting them fall upon the rock for the purpose of breaking their hard shell, to enable them to devour the animal which it had protected.

It is a species easily familiarized. I have repeatedly had them so tame as to take food readily from the hand, and even to eat from one hand when held in the other. I have received them from Madagascar, and frequently from the Cape of Good Hope. I believe it inhabits the greater part of Africa. The variety termed by Daudin *T. fasciata,* was found in Ceylon.